

**District VI Advisory Board
Minutes**
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**Monday
February 2, 2009
6:30 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge Clubroom**

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. District VI councilwoman led the meeting with nine (9) District Advisory Board members in attendance, five (5) city staff and seven (7) members of the public who signed in.

Members Present

C. Bickley Foster
Jaya Escobar
Carol Skaff
Bob Schreck
Janet Miller
Marsha Carr
Pat Randleas
John VanWalleghen
Bob Aldrich

Members Absent

Charlie Claycomb
Bob Wine

Staff Present

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant
Officer Sharp Patrol North
Officer Perkins, Patrol West
Battalion Chief Hughes, Fire
Robert Layton, City Manager

Guests

Listed at end

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. welcoming everyone and asked members to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board. **Fearey** also introduced the new City Manager Bob Layton who had stopped by the DAB to say hello.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for January 5, were approved with amendments. (**Carr/Schreck 8-0**)

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with an amendment to add a speaker on the Public Agenda. (**Aldrich/Carr 8-0**)

Public Agenda

1. **Scheduled items:** None
2. **Off-agenda items:** -*Bruce Simkins* addressed prescription drugs being put down the sink and said that Mercury due to fluorescent lamps was also toxic. *Simkins* felt that grocery stores should provide for disposal of household hazardous waste. People are without jobs and can't drive to the location down south.

Escobar arrived at 6:45 pm

Also, *Simkins* stated you need to check your bank statements for transactions being debited from your account that say it's for check handling from the bank. This happened to me and the bank doesn't do anything about it.

Skaff said the city can't do anything about this and he needed to contact the Security & Exchange Commission. **Fearey** said this might be good to put in neighborhood newsletters.

Schreck stated he uses the Household Hazardous Waste facility and it is great. You just need to make sure you live in the county to use it. We can use recycled paint to cover graffiti.

***** **Action:** Provide comments/take appropriate action.

Staff Presentations

3. Community Police Report

Officer Schwiethale, Old Town said the larcenies that were taking place in Old Town should cease as an individual was arrested and charged. In December there were 41 larcenies and then a decrease to 15 in January. Using the rental car as a bait car with props to catch suspects has been helpful. Also, Old Town will be installing six cameras for security which will be monitored and recording activities. This should happen around spring.

Officer Sharp, Patrol North Beat 48 said Graffiti continues to be a problem. We have done special graffiti assignments with plain clothes officers in the known hot spots within a seven day period and no suspects were caught. In January there were 13 graffiti arrests of juveniles. This was due to citizen calls. There have been five drive by shootings with three at the same location. Some people are in custody with one suspect we are still looking for. **Aldrich** asked about the vandalism that took place in Bridgeport if it was reported. *Sharp* responded there were windows that were shot out but we have no suspects.

Officer Perkins, Patrol West Delano stated from December 1st to January 15th there had been five stolen autos due to them being left running with no driver. The Orchard Park basketball game scheduled for March has been cancelled due to liability issues. Officers are continuing to mentor students. The restaurant at 9th/West called Shenanigans will be reviewed by Police before it opens for any concerns pertaining to its operations.

*******Action:** Receive and file

4. Fire Department Report

Battalion Chief Hughes reviewed the incidents and resources used for District 6 with DAB members. There had been 23 fires in January for the entire city with structural damage. **Fearey** asked for a breakdown for each district and the report could be emailed to the neighborhood assistant.

VanWalleghen stated he was concerned about a closer emergency unit not being sent to an accident along 37th/K-96 that took place on Saturday. *Hughes* responded the closer unit may have been on another call.

Schreck said at 3:30 p.m. Keywest, not Station Squad 13 was called out to an emergency, could have been for the accident. *Hughes* responded could be possible they were short staffed.

Aldrich asked how many medical units and personnel were called out to emergencies. *Hughes* stated it depends on the type of call. The closest unit will be called out but if it is a code blue another unit could be called or if there is a car wreck with injuries two units could be called.

Battalion Chief Hughes said he would send out more info about incidents.

*******Action:** Receive and file

City Manager Bob Layton stated it was great to be here in Wichita. This has been a busy first day for me and I want the opportunity to know everyone. I'm very supportive of neighborhoods. I need for you to be patient with me as I'm not an expert in Wichita matters yet.

Foster welcomed **Layton** explaining about the election process for the eight DAB members and the remaining members were appointed to round out the group. **Foster** said DAB 6 is different from other DAB's.

Layton said he was in a neighborhood association and was involved in the administration part trying to seek grants.

Aldrich welcomed **Layton** stating his wife was the president of the Orchard Park association and asked if he was interested in speaking at neighborhood association meetings. **Layton** responded yes he would.

Schreck welcomed **Layton** saying he appreciated him being here and that DAB 6 likes to give their opinion.

Carr welcomed **Layton** telling him there are 81 active neighborhood associations, some under the Wichita Independent Neighborhood (WIN) umbrella. The Mayor is challenging the city to work closely with WIN. **Layton** said he also wants to meet with WIN.

Skaff also welcomed **Layton** saying he was her first pick. **Skaff** asked if in Urbandale fitness was a priority and were there paths for running and cycling. Did you do this by accessing the needs of the community?

Layton stated in Urbandale, parkland was developed in subdivisions which met resistance from the developers. Open space, trails, and creeks helped build infrastructure as they were important neighborhood gathering spots. Also a program called UFIT was created with incentives through private athletic and Parks as a self directed fitness plan.

Fearey mentioned she would be showing **Layton** around with a District 6 tour.

Layton finished by thanking staff for their efforts and told DAB you all know how to get hold of me. Just be patient for now with my responses.

New Business

Board Agenda

5. Problem Properties

Candidate signs: Signs are posted on City right-of-way.

Foster commented you see signs placed everywhere with some form of advertisement especially on the weekends.

Schreck stated he had discussed the sign issue with a Community Police officer and they told him that if an individual tries to remove them it is considered theft. Only the department of OCI can remove the signs. No individual group can go out and remove signs either. **Schreck** said he was putting together a list of where all the illegal signs are to give to his Community Police officer.

Carr stated it was good to know about all the increased graffiti reports in the newsletters.

*******Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

6. Neighborhood Reports

Benjamin Hills: Will hold a candidate forum on the last Saturday in February at the Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church at 27th and Amidon from 10-11a.m. Moderators will be the League of Women voters.

Jerry Prichard, Indian Hills asked didn't it use to be illegal to remove signs. **Fearey** said she could check on the ordinance to see who can pick up signs by calling OCI. *Prichard* then asked how many times the fire department goes to nursing homes for resuscitation; you think they would have their own staff for that.

**** **Action:** Receive and file.

Updates from the councilmember

Fearey commented there had been a workshop on horse issues and you can probably watch the replay on streaming video. I'm not sure when this item will possibly come back to City Council.

Announcements

- Next DAB meeting will be on Monday, March 2, 2009

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Guests

Tom Carr	67203 RCA
Jerod Metcalf WPD	
Adam Zimmerman WPD	
Bruce Simkins	501 W. 42 nd St. N. 67204 Earhart Association
Christine Eberle	1814 Joann NW Big river NA
Jerry Prichard	1607 N. Clarence Indian Hills-Riverbend N.A.
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Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant